(d) what was the necessity, if any, for issuing such orders ;

(e) whether the Government are aware that the issue of such orders causes considerable hardship to the inhabitants of the town especially to house owners who have no water connections put up in their house and to those who live near new roads with no mains laid there ?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan. — (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) The maximum supply available from the Head Works at present was found insufficient for the existing distribution system.

(e) The matter will be looked into.

131. Mr. K.P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this Council:—

(a) whether the Government have considered the question of cancelling the Chief Engineer's order not to give any new house connections or to lay any new street mains or hydrants ;

(b) if the answer to (a) is yes, will the Government be pleased to inform their decision in the matter ;

(c) will the Government be pleased to inform this Council whether a brother of the acting Chief Engineer who is employed in the Madras Corporation Water Works inspected our Water Works Head Office at Chowwara ; if so, at whose instance was the same done ;

(d) was it after such inspection, that the acting Chief Engineer issued the aforesaid order ? (Vide Question (a.)

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(a) Government have approved of the Chief Engineer's order not to give any service connections. The reasons that led to this order apply also to new street mains and hydrants. They have not yet considered whether it is necessary to cancel the order.

(b) Requires no answer.

(c) Yes.

At the instance of the acting Chief Engineer.

(d) It was after that, not on account of it.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Sir, I request that I may be allowed to put supplementary questions on questions 130 and 131 together.

Deputy President.—Yes.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The answer to 130 (e) is "the matter will be looked into". Then with reference to 131 (a) the last sentence is " they have not considered whether it is necessary to cancel the order". That is the answer. Now, may

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I know whether there is any prospect of the Government considering the desirability of cancelling that order in the near future?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—That is exactly what we want. I placed a very detailed statement of the conditions before the Council.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—If I understood you right, I think you said that you wanted an assurance from the Chairman. I want to know what that assurance was.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I wanted to consult the Chairman, that is all. The letter was forwarded to me. I have sent a reply to that letter. On account of the very busy time when that letter was gone, I shall see the Chairman and consult him.

132. Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a statement showing (1) number of applications for pipe water service connections in Ernakulam since 1st of Kumbham 1103; (ii) of the applications referred to above the number that was (1) allowed, (2) rejected and (3) kept pending?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) 42 applications were received by the Chairman, Ernakulam Municipal Council.

(ii) (1) Nil.

(2) Nine of the applicants were asked to renew their applications after the erection of the new machinery at the Chowwara Head Works.

(3) The rest are kept pending.

Perimpillisseri Ferry.

133. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they had petitions from the public requesting them to bund up Perimpillisseri ferry in the Trichur Taluk and construct a bridge there;

(b) if so, how many such petitions they have received and from what date;

(c) what are the replies given by the Government to those petitions;

(d) whether they intend taking up that work in future?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(a) Yes.

(b) Five. 3 in 1095 and 2 in 1098.

(c) Copies of the reply given to the petitioners are appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

(d) It will be taken up when the conditions in Diwan's Proceedings, dated 25th April 1923, Dis. No. 837/D/98 (P. W. Department) are complied with.

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